Kentucky Long Term Care Earthquake Preparedness Exercise for

LTC in Western KY

Thursday, March 31, 2011 9:00 – 4:30pm CST (Registration begins at 8:30)





Registration limited to 100 attendees

Reservation Deadline for Lodging: March 21, 2011

Pennyrile Forest State Park

Dawson Springs, KY

Lodging available at the park with breakfast included.

1-800-325-1711

(Mention to operator you are with the Long Term Care meeting/ or Green River Health Dept.)

Tabletop registration closes 3/28/11 so we can order enough food.

Free opportunity for LTC to practice a catastrophic disaster response and network with other LTC facilities from the 24-counties in western Kentucky. This training is sponsored and recommended by KAHCF and KAHSA.

A special tabletop exercise will be held on March 31, 2011 in Dawson Springs, KY. The tabletop exercise will simulate a catastrophic earthquake at the New Madrid seismic zone and LTC will have an opportunity to explore their response options and identify needs in order to protect residents and staff. Representatives from KY Emergency Management and KY Dept. of Public Health will address their roles in assisting LTC response.

Attendees are invited from the following Kentucky counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd, Trigg, Union, and Webster.

Target Audience: LTC administrators, Directors of Nursing, Safety/Maintenance managers and other key emergency preparedness staff from the LTC facility

Topics for Discussion

- Brainstorm ideas for effective disaster response during a catastrophic event
- Identify regional communication resources during an emergency
- Hear from Emergency Management and Public Health about their role in a catastrophic event
- Network and share ideas with other LTC Administrators and Staff from your regions in Kentucky
- Registration packets with handouts, training resources targeting the needs of LTC

The tabletop exercise was developed with the collaboration of the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, the Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Department of Public Health and the KY Division of Emergency Management. Other sponsors include the KY Dept. of Veterans Affairs and the KY Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Each year Congress mandates a national level disaster exercise (NLE) be held. In 2011, the NLE will be held in the eight states most impacted should there be a catastrophic earthquake at the New Madrid Seismic Zone. During the week of May 16 – 20, 2011, an eight-state earthquake exercise will be held in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi. This exercise will test the emergency response plans and response capabilities of all eight states, their local jurisdictions and most cabinet level departments of the Federal government.

The areas of Kentucky most impacted by a catastrophic earthquake are the 24 counties in the far western regions of the state from Paducah to Owensboro to Hopkinsville. The impact of a 7.7 magnitude earthquake at the New Madrid fault would severely damage and disrupt hospital and healthcare services, including long term care. Disruption would occur in power and water supplies, communications, transportation, roads and bridges, among other KY critical infrastructure, in some cases for a very long time.

Long term care facilities are asked to participate in the earthquake exercise with their regional Hospital Preparedness Programs. We are offering a tabletop exercise for the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Regions 1, 2 and 3 (the three far western Kentucky regions) that will test long term care facilities emergency plans and response to a catastrophic earthquake.

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AGING OVAR/GEC: REGISTRATION FORM

Kentucky Long Term Care Earthquake Preparedness Exercise

March 31, 2011 Pennyrile State Park Dawson Springs, KY

Registrations may be made directly through e-mail to Shelly Geraghty (see below) or on TRAIN Course # **1026617**

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 - click "Register"
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